



Cross of Calvary

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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November



November 8 – November 15

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| Sunday 11.08 | 9:00 AM & 5:30 PM Worship – online and indoor
7:00 PM Equipping Mtg. |
| Monday 11.09 | |
| Tuesday 11.10 | Men's Bible Study
7:00 PM Worship Meeting |
| Wednesday 11.11 | Confirmation – 8th Grade in person at 7:00 PM |
| Thursday 11.12 | 8:15 AM Women's Bible Study
7:07 AM Breakfast Club
Sue – out of office |
| Friday 11.13 | Sue – out of office |
| Saturday 11.14 | |
| Sunday 11.15 | 9:00 AM & 5:30 PM Worship – Online Indoor
Gideon Sunday
Communion |



Worship Times

9:00 AM Indoor service (Mask required)

5:30 PM Indoor service (Mask required)

All Worship services will continue to be broadcast on the website and Facebook

Our Worship needs Song Leaders: If you would like to lead the hymns at in person worship, please call Jeni or Sue in the office. We would love to hear you and have you lead as we mediate on the words.

You haven't heard your favorite hymn in a long time? Please contact someone on the worship committee or call the office to request your favorite hymns. Songs are meaningful and lead us to worship. Help us to include your favorite hymns and worship songs.

Breakfast Club for 10-12 graders, meets every Thursday in the fellowship hall for breakfast, devotions and a prayer. Masks required and there is lots of room for distancing.

Confirmation lessons (GREAT for ALL AGES) are taught online by Pastor Matt - they are excellent. We are studying the Gospel of Luke. Check them out on Matt Hausken YouTube channel, or our church website under youth/confirmation. Don't wait too long. We are starting week 3! Each video is 20-25 minutes long. Have your Bible and Highlighter handy. Only 7-9 graders need to send in the assignments. (Wink wink!)

Junior High Gathering - This year's theme verse is from Isaiah 43:2 "When you walk through the waters, I will be with you." There will be 3-30 minute sessions, each including a youth faith talk, an element of worship, and a talk by speaker Joe Davis. There will also be service and night life options. It will be an online gathering spread throughout the year. Stay posted for details.

November Confirmation Schedule: Wednesday at 6:30 PM

November 4th: 7th Grade

November 11th: 8th Grade at 7:00 PM

November 18th: 9th Grade

November 25: No Confirmation





Women's study will begin again November 5, 8:15-9:30am in person and on zoom. We will be using the book "Lazarus Awakening" by Joanna Weaver (author of Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World). We will be finding our place in the heart of God. There are 12 books available at church. Please pick up in the office or call to reserve one and we can deliver. Cost of the books is \$15.

Cross of Calvary Indoor Worship Guidelines

We will follow guidelines to keep your health and safety in mind. Please note the following information below that we will be asking.

Please SELF SCREEN prior to coming to the service. If you have any of the following symptoms which are new or worse than your usual, or you are just no feeling well, please stay home.

- Fever (100.4 F or higher), or feeling feverish?
- Chills?
- Cough?
- Shortness of breath?
- Sore throat?
- Muscle aches?
- Headache?
- Loss of smell or taste?

- If you are over 65 or have underlying health conditions we would encourage you not to attend: we care about your health and safety first! If you feel comfortable attending please come worship. Remember any age is more than welcome. We just want you to be comfortable and safe.

1. Masking – Masks will be required for indoor worship. If you are unable to wear a mask we would recommend a face shield. If you are not able to wear a mask or shield we would ask that you attend remotely by listening on the radio 88.7 FM or watching online.
2. Entering/exiting – Please enter and exit the church thru the same door. When church is done we will exit church from the back to the front of the sanctuary. Please do not crowd the narthex. Please exit the church immediately after the service.
3. Sanitizing – hand sanitizer is placed at all the entrances to the sanctuary. Please sanitize prior to entering the sanctuary to sit down.
4. Seating – We will use every other pew and these are taped to indicate this. Please distance from non-family or household members by 6 feet. The balcony will not be in use.
5. Singing – Due to high rate of virus spread we do not encourage singing. We understand for some this is hard. Humming along to music is a good way to participate. Speaking the liturgy with your mask on is fine.
6. Communion – On communion Sundays there will be communion trays placed inside each door of the sanctuary. After sanitizing your hands you can take your own self-contained communion with you to your seat. We will all commune together and pastor will give instructions on this. There will be garbage cans placed inside the entrances to throw your communion cup when you leave the church.
7. Offering – Offering will be taken but no plate will be passed. Please place your offering in the secure drop box located on the handicapped sign pole on the East side of the church or place your offering envelope in the plate that has been placed at each entrance into the Sanctuary. Remember to maintain physical distance from others when giving your offering.
8. No paper bulletins will be provided. All information/songs/ readings for the service will be on the screen.
9. Restroom will be available. Remember to wash your hands.
10. There will be NO use of the Fellowship Hall and NO coffee hour.

Cross of Calvary Faith @ Home/Sunday School

Faith @ Home Weekly Bible Story

Bible Story for November 4 – 11

1 Samuel 3:1-20

Jesus Calling Bible Storybook - God Speaks to Samuel, page 94

Spark Story Bible - God Calls Samuel, page 122

Faith @ Home Toolbox

We have had a wonderful time sharing Faith @ Home Toolboxes. For those of you who missed it, we'll be sharing them after Sunday 9:00 AM worship throughout the year. If we don't see you before the end of year, we'll contact you to schedule a time to give you your Faith @ Home Toolbox and teach you how to use it. Weekly Faith 5 Bible stories will be posted at on our website.

sarah.hausken@gmail.com or Jeniskeie@gmail.com

Faith 5

This simple faith practice deeply connects people to God and one another, and connects faith to daily life.

FAITH 5 carries the power to enrich communication, deepen understanding, and promote mental, and spiritual health.

The five steps are:

STEP 1: SHARE your highs and lows

STEP 2: READ a Bible verse or story

STEP 3: TALK about how the Bible reading might relate to your highs and lows or notice what stands out to you in the Bible reading

STEP 4: PRAY for one another's highs and lows

STEP 5: BLESS one another. One examples of a blessing is "I love you and God loves you too"

Care Partners Coming Soon! We'll be inviting congregation members to participate in mentoring or mutual care-taking relationships with households of different generations.

If there are any questions contact Sister Sarah Hausken 320-522-0838 or Jeni Skeie

Stephen Ministers are available to visit in person or over the phone if you are in need of someone to talk to about decisions, or you are feeling lonely. During this time when we are physically apart, we want to walk along beside you and want you to know we are here for you. Please call the church office and Sue can pass on your request. 320-523-1574

Cross of Calvary Yard Signs are here!

Show your Cross of Calvary pride with a beautiful green and white yard sign! Request yours by contacting the church office or take a sign that has been placed in the church yard.

320-523-1574



Care Team A goal of the Care Team at Cross of Calvary has been to develop a Prayer Ministry for our congregation. After reading from Establishing a Prayer Ministry by Bjorn Pedersen, we are including the entire congregation in this ministry rather than limiting it to a telephone chain, or email chain or text chain. A November Prayer Calendar for each of us to post or place in an area in our home, has been placed in the Follower. We can be reminded to pray for others every day and see how the power of prayer works in our lives. We welcome your feedback and hope that you will feel free to email Jeni with your ideas for future calendars.

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University Class

Our next class will begin right when you'll need it on January 5, 2021.

Want to register? Have questions? Contact Sister Sarah Hausken sarah.hausken@gmail.com
320-579-0838.

CCOC Thanksgiving Meal

Thanksgiving Dinner is just around the corner and DUE TO COVID this year the CCOC will be doing a Thanksgiving Meal Basket. This basket will contain everything needed to make a thanksgiving meal. We are currently asking for donations of boxes of stuffing, boxes of instant potatoes, frozen turkeys, cans of corn, cans of cranberries, and gravy packets. Monetary donations are also welcome (please make checks out to CCOC). Donations can be dropped off at St. Aloysius or Master's Cafe. Thank you for your generosity. (A donation of \$3.00 fund one basket, \$10.00 would fund 3-4 baskets.)

To preorder a basket, please call 523-6318 or email saraa@ccocmn.org, the deadline to order is November 15th. Baskets can be picked up on November 22nd at St. Aloysius from 1pm - 3pm. Drop off will be available if needed.



2020 Community Thanksgiving Dinner News....Donations needed: The Christian Community Outreach Center (CCOC) Board has decided to cancel the 2020 Thanksgiving Meal. The feeling of community for both diners and volunteers has always been the most important part of the meal and there is no way to replicate the hug at the door this year. So for this year, Thanksgiving Meal Food boxes

will be distributed to those requesting them. As the CCOC Board Representative from Cross of Calvary I've volunteered our church to provide Stuffing and gravy mix. After some thought, I think it would be best to ask you for cash donations with food items purchased from local businesses. Any excess donations will be donated to the Food shelf. Make checks payable to CCOC (a 501C3 organization). Watch weekly announcements for how to sign up for a food box.

Please send donations to me at:

Karen Flom, 312 So. 7th St, Olivia, MN 56277 or call me at 320-522-1980 and I can pick them up.



Please take your bulletin home and pray for those listed. Emergency/Pastoral Care: Please have a family member or friend notify the church. You may also request hospital staff to call on your behalf. Call day or night at 320- 523-1574. Never feel as though you are bothering Pastor or the staff. We are here to serve as a comfort and as a resource.

Prayer Request

Family of Mike Abrahamson
 Denise Revier – Family
 Gladie Hagen – Family
 Sandy Alton – daughter in law of Sharon & Richard Alton
 Sandy Kubesh – Family & friends
 Ralph Taylor – Becky Nelson’s father
 Angie Boen – Family and friends
 Sherry Wold – Courtney Kopel grandmother
 Sonja Fostvedt – family
 Paulette Svoboda – family
 Ardith Glockzin – Carol Senkyr sister

Chet Boen – Friends & Family
 Donna Greenwell
 Tim & Emily Merten family – Angela Cole
 Kathy Johnson – Scott Johnson
 Lesley Sagedahl- Sagedahl Family
 Briar Lippert – Friends & Family
 Darwin – Sonia Grasmon’s brother
 Teri Vogt – Stacey Larson
 ALL persons working tirelessly to help with the Covid-19 pandemic
 Military personal and their families



GIDEONS
INTERNATIONAL

Memorial Bible Program “The Gift That Keeps Giving”

Gideon Sunday is November 15th, 2020. Please consider donating to this very worthy cause, please note: ‘In Memory, “In Recognition” or “Thinking of You”’. This year there will be no envelopes available, but please mail your contribution to:

Gideon International
 Redwood Falls Camp
 PO Box 133
 Redwood Falls, MN 56283

THANK YOU!

FUNDRAISER: St. Mary’s School middle school is accepting orders to purchase poinsettias from Bachmann’s for this Christmas Holiday Season. There is an order form in the church office, which will be submitted as a group order. They will deliver to the church on Friday, December 4th or if noted: December 21st. The cost is \$20.00, make checks payable to St. Mary’s. Deadline to order is Sunday, November 15th. They have red, white & pink: with different colored pot covers. If you would like to order call the church office at 320-523-1574. Also, call with any questions.



November 8, 2020
TWENTY _ THIRD SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



Be alert and be glad for the Lord is coming.

Daily Bible Readings

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Matthew 25:1-13	A parable of the ten bridesmaids
Monday	Amos 5:18-24	What the Lord requires
Tuesday	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	The coming of the Lord
Wednesday	Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25	The tribes renew the covenant
Thursday	Psalms 78:1-7	Tell the children God's word
Friday	Luke 21:29-37	Be always on the watch
Saturday	Psalms 70	God is wonderful
Sunday	Matthew 25:14-30	Parable of the talents

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you. Let those who love your salvation say evermore, "God is great!" Psalm 70:4 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Righteous God, help us to be ready for the time Christ will come again to judge the living and the dead and to anticipate the end of the age with joy. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, help us to receive this food with thanksgiving and to serve those less fortunate with acts of love and service. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the God Who promises you the great banquet feast bless you with peace and joy now and always.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- ☑ Tell or think about something that you do with focused attention.
- ☑ How does paying attention help you do your best?
- ☑ Jesus wants his followers to stay alert and be ready for his coming. How is this important to you and to others?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 25:1-13.

This parable seems harsh. We might think we are to have mercy on the foolish and not lock them out. A more merciful approach is evident in the next chapter when Jesus' leadership team of disciples falls asleep while Jesus prays in the garden (26:36-46). Jesus chastises them without a sense of rejection. In this parable the church is reminded to live with the final victory of God in Christ in view. It is to impact our daily lives as we wait for Christ's second coming. However, unless there is a particular experience of suffering, we tend to live without paying much attention to Christ's coming again. Jesus is alerting his followers to the importance of watchfulness of the times and readiness to act faithfully at any given moment. That is when the church blesses, serves with justice, and offers salvation in Jesus' name. How might a conscious awareness of Christ's victory and return to "judge the living and the dead" (Apostles' Creed), impact your daily conduct?

Pray: Come Lord Jesus, strengthen our lives of faith that we may anticipate your coming again with joy and serve our neighbor in love. Amen.

SERVICE

According to Amos, worship without acts of justice for the needy is meaningless to God. During and after a worship service, take time to think about how God's acts of love and mercy for you and all humanity lead you to do acts of kindness and love for others.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The foolish bridesmaids in the parable did not have additional oil for their lamps. The light in their lamps could not shine. They were not ready. It is important to be ready and let the light of Jesus' love shine. We can do this by being ready to do God's work everyday. One way to be ready is to pray for others, read scripture, and bless others. Use this blessing daily during this week: May the light of Christ shining through you show your readiness to do God's work.

WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.